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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response re: Office Action mailed January 26, 2004 (6 pages); and
2. Return Postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18475-025. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This filing is in response to the Final Office Action ("Final Action") mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 26, 2004, in the above-identified application. This response is timely filed before the two month due date of March 26, 2004. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the present response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 18475-025.

Amendments to the claims and claims as pending are provided on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.